

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the paragraph on page 10, beginning at line 8 as follows:

The washer 144 is mounted to the outboard end 162 of the shift collar 126. The washer 144, shown in greater detail in Figure 10, includes a central bore 172 that is received over the 126. A plurality of slots 174 are formed about the circumference of the washer 144 which is greater in diameter than the outboard end 162 but smaller in diameter than the inboard end 160. The resilient return member 142 reacts between the washer 144 and the coil 128 to return the shift collar 126 to the unlocked position.

Please revise the paragraph on page 10, beginning at line 15 as follows:

The method for controlling the differential locking mechanism 124 for the drive axle 108 includes the steps of energizing the coil 128, which surrounds a portion of the outboard end 162 of the shift collar 126; and in response to energizing the coil 128, moving the shift collar 126 from the unlocked position where speed differentiation between the pair axle shafts 118 is permitted under predetermined conditions to a locked position where both of the axle shafts 118 rotate at a common speed by fixing the shift collar 126 to the differential case 44. Additionally, the shift collar 126 is automatically returned to the unlocked position, i.e. is disengaged from the differential case ~~easing~~ 44, when the power supply 130 is cut from the coil 128.